

The purpose of the Chula Vista Public Library is to increase knowledge and enrich lives within the community. We accomplish this by connecting people equitably to responsive programs, services, and resources in a manner that reflects the ideals of a democratic society.



News from the Library Director

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A Note from the Director: Farewell



After 19 years at the Chula Vista Public Library I find that it is time to move on and leave the future to younger and brighter stars. It has been a wonderful experience serving this community. I am very proud of our staff and our accomplishments, including the opening of the EastLake and South Chula Vista Branch Libraries; the establishment of a Library Endowment at the San Diego Foundation and the recently formed Chula Vista Public Library Foundation; the continued introduction of new technologies to better serve our guests; an excellent strategic plan; a renewed emphasis on Local History; and the implementation of the marketplace service models that take the best ideas from retail and apply them to the library.

Of course, there have been disappointments. After almost ten years of effort I did not get to see the opening of the Rancho del Rey Branch Library. Due to the City's fiscal constraints, I would not anticipate construction of that facility to start before 2010. And this fiscal year we had to cut \$2 million from the department's budget, which has necessitated fewer public service hours.

Nevertheless, the good definitely outweighs the bad...and I will always hold Chula Vista and the Chula Vista Public Library fondly in my heart.

David Palmer

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New Interim Library Director on Board



Leah Browder, Interim Library Director

When you are gone, will anyone know you were there?

I am reminded of this powerful sentiment once spoken by a dear colleague as we recognize the retirements of Library Director, David Palmer and Assistant Director, Paula Brown-Peeling, as well as honor the life of long-time supporter and president of the Friends of the Library, Harry LaBore. I want to publicly express the deepest gratitude for the incredible legacy their devotion and dedication has left our community--amazing, innovative, top notch library service expertly delivered by an incredible group of passionately dedicated professionals. Yes, we will long remember that you were here, my friends.

It is an honor beyond words to assume the interim directorship of this fine organization. As you read the many highlights contained within the pages of this edition of please consider joining us as we strive to increase knowledge and enrich lives within the community. Your library needs you more than ever during this time that brings us many challenges, but, more importantly, a wealth of opportunities.

Please give in any way you can. If your New Year reflections included a realization that you'd like to contribute to your community in some broader way, we'd be thrilled to have you consider us. Your leadership and energy would be celebrated in any of our many volunteer opportunities. As always, your donations are so appreciated as we struggle to search for ways to upgrade the west wing/fireplace area of the Civic Center Branch, to possibly purchase a bookmobile to enhance services in our neighborhoods, and to sustain the arts and cultural programs.

Please do not hesitate to call me directly at 619-691-5170 with your ideas and thoughts or just to say, "hi." We welcome your help toward continuing to grow the legacy so caringly created by those who have passed this way before us.

Warmest Wishes for a Wonderful 2008! *Leah Browder*

New Hours at Civic Center & South Chula Vista Branches

Chula Vista Public Library's Civic Center and South Chula Vista branches began new public hours on January 7. The new hours were approved by the City Council on December 4 as a result of a more than \$2 million reduction in the Chula Vista Public Library's budget and part of \$8.2 million of budget cuts citywide.



"The Library has a long tradition of providing quality service to the community, and library staff will continue that tradition," said Leah Browder, the Library's Interim Director. "The library will still offer a wide variety of services and programs, and will continue to have one library open alternating nights between Monday and Thursday in western Chula Vista, as well as EastLake in eastern Chula Vista," continued Browder.

Civic Center Branch's new schedule is Monday and Wednesday, 12 noon until 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Civic Center Branch is located at 365 F Street, (619) 691-5069.



South Chula Vista's new schedule is Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 12 noon to 8 p.m.; and closed on Sunday. The South Chula Vista Branch is located at 389 Orange Avenue, (619) 585-5755.

EastLake's hours will remain the same; Monday through Thursday, 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and closed Friday and Sunday. The EastLake Branch is located at 1120 EastLake Parkway, on the EastLake High School campus, (619) 397-3980.

New Library Management on Hand

With the change in directors, and the city-wide budget cuts, come many changes in management around the library. With the retirement of Assistant Director Paula Brown-Peeling, Arts & Culture Manager Roderick Reinhart moves over to fill the Assistant Director position. Reinhart will also take on many of the responsibilities of retiring Public Services Manager Jeri Gulbransen. Reinhart will continue to supervise Arts & Culture programming, such as the annual Music in the Park Summer Concert Series.

Mariya Anton will add supervising Digital Services, on top of being in charge of Technical Services and the library's budget.

Lastly, with the retirement of JoAnn Jonas, South Chula Vista Manager Ramiro Gonzalez and Assistant Manager Debbie Taylor will take on the role of running the library's new Youth & Family Literacy effort. Youth & Family Literacy coordinates children's and parenting programs, and is very active with many local community organizations.

Stephanie Loney continues as the Civic Center Branch Manager, along with Assistant Manager Joy Whatley. Scott Love has taken on the responsibilities of public relations and continues to manage the EastLake Branch.

The Passing of Friends President, Harry LaBore

Long-time friend, Harry LaBore, president of the Friends of the Library, faithful volunteer and leader, and a past member of the Library Board of Trustees passed away in December. Besides being a strong spokesman for the library, he was always ready to lend his Explorer Scout troop to library events.



LaBore served two terms on the library board, before devoting his next 30 years with the Friends of the Chula Vista Public Library. LaBore gave the library a lasting gift – the establishment of the Friends of the Library Endowment fund. Set up in 1997, this fund distributes earnings annually to buy books for the library in perpetuity. This fund now carries over \$500,000.

LaBore visited the Civic Center branch daily to catch up on news, say hello and see if he could be of assistance. "He would drop by regularly to talk with me," said past-Library Director David Palmer, "he always wanted to know what he could do to help." Harry will be missed by everyone he touched in his many years of service to the people of Chula Vista.

Anyone interested in making a gift in memory of Harry LaBore can contact Anna Giuliano at (619) 476-2499, or send the donations directly to her at Chula Vista Public Library, Administration, Anna Giuliano, 365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910, with a note mentioning his name. Giuliano will send a letter to LaBore's family acknowledging the donation, and a letter to the donor that may be used for tax purposes.

Spring Training is Coming!

The "Spring Training" Reading Program will begin in March for the children and teens of Chula Vista. This is the first of three fun reading programs that CVPL runs throughout the year. In addition to the Spring Training Reading Program, CVPL offers a Summer Reading Program, and in the fall "Tackle a Good Book" with a football theme.

With a baseball theme, each participant in the program will receive a log to keep track of their reading. It will show a baseball diamond, and the player will proceed to first base, second base, third base and then to home, by logging the books that they read. Participants will need to read three hours to reach each base and receive a prize. Twelve hours and the reader hits a Home Run!

"We want to encourage kids and teens to have fun reading year round", said Charity Anderson, the Children's Librarian at the South Chula Vista Branch. "The library will also schedule a number of great events when students are on their breaks", continued Anderson.

The program will run from March 15 to April 12, coinciding with spring break from school. For more information, visit the closest Chula Vista library branch or click on , and Hit a Home Run!

Too Good to Miss: Recommended Reading



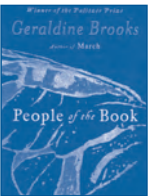
In Defense of Food: an Eater's Manifesto
by Michael Pollan
The best-selling author of The Omnivore's Dilemma cites the reasons why people have become so confused about their dietary choices, counseling readers on the importance of enjoyable moderate eating of mostly traditional plant foods.



Nigella Express: 130 Recipes for Good Food, Fast
by Nigella Lawson
A collection of accessible recipes by the host of Nigella Feasts combines time-saving tips, recommendations for stocking a kitchen, and culinary strategies with preparation instructions for such fare as Asian-flavored Chowder and No-worries Chocolate Mousse.



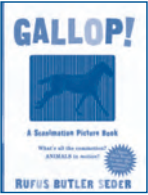
The Art of Power
by Thich Nhat Hanh
The renowned Buddhist monk and author of Peace Is Every Step outlines a radical perspective on how to attain true power, sharing anecdotal teachings that reveal how current understanding about power typically results in egocentric thinking and unsatisfactory pursuits.



People of the Book
by Geraldine Brooks
Offered a coveted job to analyze and conserve a priceless Sarajevo Haggadah, Australian rare-book expert Hanna Heath discovers a series of tiny artifacts in the volume's ancient binding that reveal its historically significant origins. By the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of March.



Someday This Pain Will be Useful to You
by Peter Cameron
With his freshman year at Brown looming in the near future, eighteen-year-old James begins to plan his escape by saving the money from his summer job at his mother's art gallery in order to get a cabin on the prairie, where he can finally find the sanctuary he needs, in a dramatic coming-of-age tale.



Gallop!
by Rufus Butler Seder
Rhyming text asks if the reader can move like a variety of animals, in a book where striped acetate overlays on board pages give illustrations the illusion of movement.



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CIVIC CENTER BRANCH
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Chula Vista, CA 91910
(619) 691-5069
Mon, Wed: 12-8 pm
Tues, Thurs-Sat: 10 am-6 pm
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SOUTH CHULA VISTA BRANCH
389 Orange Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91911
(619) 585-5755
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10 am-6 pm
Tues, Thurs: 12-8 pm
Sun: Closed

EASTLAKE BRANCH
1120 EastLake Parkway
Chula Vista, CA 91915
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Mon-Thurs: 3:30-8 pm
Sat: 10 am-4 pm
Fri, Sun: Closed

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360 Third Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910
(619) 427-8092
Tues, Thurs: 1-4 pm

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BOOK SALES!
The *Civic Center Friends* have scheduled their quarterly sale for **February 9**, from **10 am - 3 pm**.

The *South Chula Vista Friends'* sale will be on **February 23** from **12 - 3 pm**.

The *EastLake Friends'* sale will be on **February 16** from **9 am - 1 pm** at the EastLake Vons located at the corner of EastLake Parkway and Otay Lakes Road.

Visit the Book Stop used bookstores at both Civic Center and South Chula Vista Branches.